MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I believe they were.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know, Sir, whether Government have come to a decision upon the acceptability of the proposed new terms?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The new terms were not accepted by Government.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know, Sir, when the Government came to the decision that the roads should be laid out before the lands could be auctioned?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I am not in a position to give the exact date. I claim notice.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know, Sir, what the difficulty is in laying out the roads?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): There is no difficulty. The survey has been completed and the plans prepared. The survey records are now pending with the Survey Superintendent.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know, Sir, how long they have been pending?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): They have been pending for a long time, and I have reminded the Survey Superintendent to expedite the final approval of the survey records.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know, Sir, approximately how long the Government will take in regard to this matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Not much longer.

Bridge at the Thottapalli Ferry.

440. ✱ MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are considering the question of constructing a bridge over the canal at the Thottapalli Ferry?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know whether the Government have come to a decision about the matter?

MR G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Not as yet.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know, Sir, whether they have got an approximate idea of the estimate?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Well, as a matter of fact, it has been proposed to have a bridge, and then a combined proposal to deal with the flood problems in Kuttanad came up. At present we are awaiting the report of the specialist.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*) : May I know from Government whether owing to the absence of a bridge, there, the owners of vehicles have to spend anything for crossing the canal ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*) : May I know from Government whether the ferry men receive any remuneration from the owners of vehicles ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : There is no necessity for them to receive any remuneration, because it is a public ferry maintained by the Public Works Department.

Kuthakapattom for lemon grass.

441. *MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether survey No. 60/1, Manjapra *pakuthi*, Kunnatnad taluk, is leased on *Kuthakapattom* for lemon grass ;

(*b*) the rate per acre and the extent of the area leased out and the period for which it is leased ; and

(*c*) whether there were complaints against this lease deed ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : (*a*) and (*b*) Yes ; 49·38 acres of land have been leased out on *Kuthakapattom* without limit of time and 20·99 acres in public auction at the rate of one rupee per acre per annum.

(*c*) No ; but there were complaints against the eviction of certain encroachments made subsequent to the issue of the Puduval Rules of 1932 and against the recovery of back arrears for the period of occupation, which were all recorded.

Munsiff's Court at Tiruvalla.

442. *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of cases pending before the Munsiff's Court of Tiruvalla ;

(*b*) the number of courts where there is a greater file than this ; and

(*c*) the number of Munsiffs employed at Tiruvalla ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) 1,893.

(*b*) One.

(*c*) One.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : In regard to the answer to part (*b*), may I know the name of the place where the court had a greater file ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Vaikam.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly